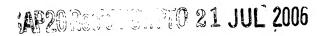
996500600000000 26.30L **298**6

PTO-1390 (Rev. 07-2005)
Approved for use through 3/31/2007, OMB 0651-0021
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

| | ANSMITTAL LETTER TO | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER 17951 (INA) | | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| | DESIGNATED/ELECTED ICERNING A SUBMISSIC | U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5) | | | | | |
| | TIONAL APPLICATION NO. | INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE | PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED | | | | |
| TITLE OF | PCT/US2005/072195 | JANUARY 21, 2005 | JANUARY 23, 2004 | | | | |
| | TITLE OF INVENTION RELEASABLY-SECURABLE ONE-PIECE ADJUSTABLE GASTRIC BAND | | | | | | |
| | APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US JANEL BIRK | | | | | | |
| Applican | t herewith submits to the United Sta | ates Designated/Elected Office (DO/EC | D/US) the following items and other information: | | | | |
| 1. | This is a FIRST submission of items co | ncerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371 | l. | | | | |
| 2. | This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT s | submission of items concerning a submission | n under 35 U.S.C. 371. | | | | |
| 3. | This is an express request to begin nati (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below. | onal examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 37 | 1(f)). The submission must include items | | | | |
| 4. | The US has been elected (Article 31). | | | | | | |
| 5. | A copy of the International Application | n as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) | | | | | |
| | a. is attached hereto (required | only if not communicated by the Internation | nal Bureau). | | | | |
| | b. has been communicated by | | | | | | |
| | c. s not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US). | | | | | | |
| 6. | | e International Application as filed (35 U.S.C | C. 371(c)(2)). | | | | |
| | a. is attached hereto. | | | | | | |
| | b. has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). | | | | | | |
| 7. | Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) | | | | | | |
| | a. | | | | | | |
| | b. have been communicated by the International Bureau. | | | | | | |
| | c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. | | | | | | |
| 8. 🗆 | d. I have not been made and will not be made. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)). | | | | | | |
| 9. 🗸 | An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)). | | | | | | |
| 10. | An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)). | | | | | | |
| Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included: | | | | | | | |
| 11. | An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98. | | | | | | |
| 12. 🔲 | An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included. | | | | | | |
| 13. | A preliminary amendment. | | | | | | |
| 14. | An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76. | | | | | | |
| 15. | A substitute specification. | | | | | | |
| 16. 🗸 | A power of attorney and/or change of address letter unexecuted. | | | | | | |
| 17. | A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with PCT Rule 13ter.2 and 37 CFR 1.821- 1.825. | | | | | | |
| 18. | A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). | | | | | | |
| 19. | A second copy of the English language | ge translation of the international application | under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4). | | | | |

This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.414 and 1.491-1.492. The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public, which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 15 minutes to complete, including gathering information, preparing, and submitting the completed form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.



PTO-1390 (Rev. 07-2005)

Approved for use through 3/31/2007. OMB 0651-0021

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

| U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) | | | INTERNATIONAL AP | PLICATION NO. | ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER | |
|---|---------------------------------------|----------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| 60/538,595 | | PCT/US2005 | 072195 | 17951 (INA) | | |
| 20. Other items or information: | | | | | | |
| | | | FR 051957 | | | |
| USPTO CUSTOMER NUMBER 051957 | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| The follo | wing fees have b | een submitted | | | CALCULATIONS | PTO USE ONLY |
| 21. 📝 Basic | national fee (37 | CFR 1.492(a)) | | \$300 | \$ 300.00 | |
| 22. Exami | nation fee (37 CF | R 1.492(c)) | | | | |
| If the written opinion | on prepared by IS | SA/US or the intern | ational preliminary examinati | on report prepared | \$ -0- | |
| by IPEA/U | IS indicates all cl | aims satisfy provisi | ons of PCT Article 33(1)-(4). | \$0 | | |
| | | | | 3200 | | |
| | th fee (37 CFR 1. on of the ISA/US | | preliminary examination rep | ort prepared by | | |
| IPEA/US i | ndicates all claim | s satisfy provision | s of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) | \$0 | \$ | |
| Internation | nal Searching Au | thority | ••• | \$100 | | |
| previously | communicated to | the US by the IB. | than the US and provided to | \$400 | | |
| All other situations | S | | | \$500 | | |
| | OTAL OF 21, 22 | | | | \$ 300.00 | |
| | | | in paper over 100 sheets (ex .821(c) or (e) or computer pr | | | |
| | medium) (37 CF \$250 for each ad | | of paper or fraction thereof. | | | |
| | | | | DATE | | |
| Total Sheets | Extra Sheets | | dditional 50 or fraction to a whole number) | RATE | | |
| 17 - 100 = | -0- /50 = | -0- | | x \$250 | \$ -0- | ĺ |
| Surcharge of \$130 | 0.00 for furnishing | | fee, examination fee, or the | | \$ 130.00 | |
| after the date of co | ommencement of | the national stage | (37 CFR 1.492(h)). | | \$ 100.00 | |
| CLAIMS | NUMB | ER FILED | NUMBER EXTRA | RATE | \$ | |
| Total claims | | 20 - 20 = | - 0 - | × \$ 50 | \$ -0- | |
| Independent claim | ıs | 3 -3= | -0- | x \$200 | \$ -0. | |
| MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable) + \$360 | | | | | \$ -0- | |
| | | \$ 430.00 | | | | |
| Applicant clair | ms small entity st | r/a | | | | |
| | | \$ 430.00 | | | | |
| Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)). \$ n/a \$ | | | | | | |
| | | \$ 430.00 | | | | |
| Fee for recording to by an appropriate | | \$ n/a | | | | |
| | | \$ 430.00 | | | | |
| | | | | | Amount to be refunded: | \$ |
| | | Amount to be charged | \$ | | | |

PTO-1390 (Rev. 07-2005)
Approved for use through 3/31/2007. OMB 0651-0021
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a polection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

| | | a como seco con transfer and contraction | | | | |
|--|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| а. 🗌 | A check in the amount of \$ to cover | er the above fees is enclosed. | | | | |
| b. 🗸 | Please charge my Deposit Account No. 01-0885 in the ar A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. | mount of \$ 430.00 to cover the above fees. | | | | |
| c. 🚺 | The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 01-0885 | | | | | |
| d. 🔲 | Fees are to be charged to a credit card. WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038. | | | | | |
| NOTE: Where an appropriate time limit under 37 CFR 1.495 has not been met, a petition to revive (37 CFR 1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status. | | | | | | |
| SEND A | ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO: 7 [19] 06 | SIGNATURE SIGNATURE STEPHEN DONOVAN NAME 33,433 REGISTRATION NUMBER | | | | |
| | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | |